

INFORMATION PACKET

Factory Assembled Structures Rules

Public Hearing

Tumwater Hearing:

Date: November 12, 2004

Time: 9:00 AM

Department of Labor and Industries Building
7273 Linderson Way S.W.
Tumwater, Washington
Room S119

The Department of Labor and Industries will hold public hearings to receive information and provide the opportunity for comments about proposed changes to the Factory Assembled Structures rules. Chapter 43.22 RCW and Chapter 291, Laws of 2003 (SHB 1734) grant the department authority to propose and adopt these rules.

If you require special communication or accommodation arrangements, please contact us at (360) 902-6411 or copc235@lni.wa.gov no later than November 1, 2004. Requests received after this date may not allow adequate time to make the arrangements.

Send written comments using one of the following:

By mail to: Christine Swanson
Specialty Compliance Services Division
P.O. Box 44400
Olympia, Washington 98504-4400

By electronic mail to: copc235@lni.wa.gov

By fax: 360-902-5292 (Comments submitted by fax must be 10 pages or less.)

Comments must be received by November 12, 2004.

Verbal or written comments on the proposed rule changes will be accepted at the public hearing. Correspondence relating to this notice and rules should be addressed to Christine Swanson, Specialty Compliance Services Division, P.O. Box 44400, Olympia, Washington 98504-4400.

The department will respond in writing to everyone submitting verbal and written comments before the deadline, and after the department has adopted changes to the rules.

The purpose of this rulemaking is to:

- Adopt the most recent International Building Codes (based on 2003 legislative changes) and other nationally recognized codes and standards.
- Make clarifying and housekeeping changes.
- Moved the electrical inspection fee for factory assembled structures (FAS) to the FAS rules. This will reduce the costs to the manufacturers, as they will not be paying for the double inspections.
- Currently we do not provide an option for FAS units to be exempt from L&I's rules. When a unit comes from another state and it has been constructed for more than six months and has not been altered, they are exempt from L&I's rules. However, we do not issue an insignia for the structure stating it is exempt. Department of Health requires that L&I inspect the unit before DOH will certify it, therefore the unit must come back to L&I for inspection and issuance of insignia if the structure is deemed safe. This is causing businesses to come back to L&I three and four times when it is not needed. We are proposing to provide an exempt insignia through a one-time fee for inspection and the insignia. This will remove the need for businesses to pay more than once for an inspection.

Details of specific proposed amendments will be published in Washington State Register 04-20 on October 20, 2004. The tentative adoption date for these rules is December 14, 2004 and the tentative effective date is February 1, 2005.